Open Forum

Seek God and all else falls into place

By DON BERNARD

Life is a matter of having our priorities straight.

How we apportion our time is determined by our priorities. Each person has his or her own set of priorities and sets them in order.

For the most part the options open to me are the same ones open to you. Only the order is different. I might feel that your order of priorities is way out of kilter because it does not agree with mine.

However there is some absolute authority on what our priorities should be. The Bible has quite a bit to say about priorities. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talks about this very subject. In Matthew 6, verse 33 he says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

Our top priority then is seeking God first. After that the order of priorities will fall into place without problem. That's very different from us wrestling with our own set of priorities, with the worry and fretting that it entails.

But how do we seek God?

First of all we must give him first place in our lives and surrender our will to His will. We must demonstrate this by giving Him time–daily, devotions and prayer and, thirdly, we must be obedient when he speaks.

All three steps require consicious decisions on our part. Seeking God is the great work of our lives. With seeking God as a top priority, other things will gradually fall into place and we will enjoy His order of priorities for our lives.

It sure beats wrestling with them on your own.

Editor's note: this column is the first in the "open forum" space we are making available on the church page. Local writers are invited to submit religiously-oriented articles, in their own words, of either a personal or topical nature. Submissions should be 300 words or less.

Don Bernard is former editor of The Tribune.

United Church Congregation held a sod turning ceremony following the service Sunday. The new Addition, which is expected to cost about $130,000, will include Sunday School rooms, minister's study, a library and a new entrance at the south west corner which will include an electric chair lift for those unable to climb stairs. Secretary of the Congregational Board Charles James is shown here turning the sod while Rev. J. L. Carder looks on. A short open air service was conducted.

Saturday marks beginning of Bloomington Bible school

BLOOMINGTON—A two week bible school will be held from July 19 to 30 at Bloomington Christian Gospel Church.

The program starts at 9 a.m. each morning and will run through the full day.

The school will again be directed by Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Sorley, with the assistance of Christian volunteers.

The classes are open to all age groups from three year-olds up to the late teens.

Rev. Sorley described the school as "a learning process without stress or strain. It is a time when children and young people have a happy and pleasant time in a constructive way. Many are having what they think is a good time, in a very undesirable way, and this brings heartache and regret to themselves and to their parents."

"The program will include Bible stories, music, singing, sports and handcrafts."

Rev. Sorely promises the handcrafts will be so exciting it will be "difficult to get the children off the premises to go home for lunch."

The church is located in Bloomington, on the 9th concession and south of Bloomington Rd.

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at
CHURCHILL BAPTIST CHURCH
9th Conc. & Aurora Sideroad
Fri., June 25th at 8:00 P.M.
Featuring: Outreach Quartette and Wright Trio
Proceeds from offering will go to Churchill Baptist Bible Camp.

Greenwood pastor retires after 18 years

By MILDRED McTAGGART

GREENWOOD — Congratulations to Carol Goodwin and Brenda Middleton. Carol graduated last week at Centennial College in Travel and Tourism, Brenda at Convocation Hall with Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degrees.

Three hundred people sat down to a picnic lunch in the Greenwood Community Park after the chuch service on Sunday. For many it was an opportunity to say goodbye to Mr. Fleetham who has been our minister for the past eighteen years. At the close of the service Mr. Burnett Jamieson spoke a few words in appreciation and Mrs. Percy Clarke then presented Mr. Fleetham a wallet containing twelve hundred dollars.

On Sunday evening a good representation of both Mount Zion and Greenwood congregations met in the Mount Zion church where they unanimously accepted the appointment of Mr. John Van Gulick as our minister for the next 12 months. Mr. Van Glick is a student minister and will continue his studies at Emmanuel College, Toronto. He and his wife Rhonda and five year old daughter Jennifer will be moving here in July.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenn McTaggart entertained sixty relatives and Mount Zion neighbours and friends at a buffet supper and party on their lawn last Friday evening. The party was in honor of the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, who received the good wishes and congratulations of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. David Henning and son Ronald moved to Mount Eagle last wekend. David and Patsy will be completing their home which they started to do built last fall. David will be employed in Bancroft.

Uxbridge Community Week

UXBRIDGE — This weekend marks the beginning of Uxbridge Community Week celebrations.

The Community Week will run from June 26 to July 4, and will feature a wide variety of events. The big finale will be held the evening of July 4 in Elgin Park. Members of township council will be on hand as prizes are awarded to those taking part in the activities.

Church Services

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, June 27th
REV. J.L. CARDER B.A.B.D.
11 a.m. — Worship & Ground-Breaking Ceremony
Sunday School
11 a.m. — Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary & Jr. classes
You will be welcome

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Gormley-Stouffville Rd.
At
6th Conc. (Kennedy Rd.)
Mr. Tom Hamilton
Phone 887-5651
Sunday, June 27, 1976
Please call for bus ride
10:00 a.m. — Bible School for all ages.
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship - Guest Speaker — Rev. John Russell
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service
Wed. 8:00 p.m. — Prayer & Bible Study

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
254 Sunset Boulevard
Summer Services
1st-3rd Sunday — Holy Communion
2nd - 4th (5th) — Morning Prayer
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Rector, 297-1634, 640-1461.

GORMLEY MISSIONARY CHURCH
Rev. Cecil Rosenberger
Pastor
Phone 887-5846
June 27th
9:50 a.m. — Family Sunday School
11 a.m. — Representative from the Gideons
7:30 p.m. — Mr. Ray Schlegel from the Mennonite Central Committee
Wed. 8 p.m. — Prayer meeting
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU ALWAYS

BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. C.W. Sorley
9:45 — Sunday School
11:00 — Morning Worship
Wed. 8 p.m. — Prayer & Bible Study

ALTONA MISSIONARY CHURCH
Rev. Donald T. Pugh
Pastor
Sunday, June 27th
10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
11:30 a.m. — Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service
Wed. — Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.
You are cordially invited to the Missionary Church

HEISE HILL BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH
Pastor — James Cober
887-5489
10 a.m. — Sunday School
11 a.m. — Morning worship
7:30 p.m. — Sunday Evening Service
7:45 p.m. — Wed. Mid Week Prayer Service
EVERYONE WELCOME

UNIONVILLE GOSPEL HALL
2nd Street at Hwy. 7
LORD'S DAY
Breaking Bread 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class 11:30 a.m.
GOSPEL Meeting 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer — Bible Study 8 p.m.
All Heartily Welcome

McCORMACK MEMORIAL CHURCH
Highway 48 at Vivian
Rev. C.W. Sorley Pastor
9:45 a.m. — Morning Service
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School
7:30 p.m. — Gospel Service
Thur. 8 p.m. — New Life Hour
JUNE 17
Rev. Henry Hildeband, principal Briercrest Bible Institute

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Ted Creen, B.A.
640-4195
10 a.m. — Combined Summer Services with Stouffville United in St. James Church
All warmly Welcome

STOUFFVILLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
460 Main St. E. Ph: 640-5696
Rev. S.A. Grant, Pastor 640-4903
Friday 8:00 p.m. — "Youthtime."
SUNDAY, JUNE 27th
9:45 a.m. — Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m. — Family Worship Service
7:00 p.m. — Fellowship & Evangelism
Wednesday 8:00 p.m. — Bible Study & Prayer

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Rev. Howard Minaker, Pastor
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11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evangelism and Fellowship
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Wed. 7:45 p.m. — Family Night for all ages
Fri. 7:30 p.m. — Youth Night
"We warmly welcome you"

STOUFFVILLE MISSIONARY CHURCH
159 Main St. E.
Rev. J. Hamilton, Minister
SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1976
9:45 a.m. — Family Sunday School. Bus service available.
11:00 a.m. — "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit Today"
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service with Jim & Pat McDowell, recently returned from Nigeria.
Wed. 7:30 p.m. — Prayer & Bible Study
"You're always welcome at the Missionary Church"

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

Claremont news

Local resident passes away

By ANNE LONEY

CLAREMONT — We are sorry to hear of the recent death of Frank Hutchings, a long-time resident of Claremont. Our sympathy goes to his three daughters; Bessie (Mrs. P. M. Thompson) of Toronto; Meta (Mrs. J. Dietze) of Scarboro; Elsie (Mrs. E. Smith) of Burlington, and one son, Charles of Pickering. One must also mention Ruth Hutchings of Marham who gave so much of her time, and was so kind and attentive to her uncle.

Mr. Hutchings lived alone in his home for several years after the death of his wife. He was busy in his garden, loved to visit with his neighbors, and took great care of his old cat of which he was very fond. But, finally, Puss passed on and the years took their toll. Mr. Hutchings sold his house and took up residence in Fairview Lodge where he was happy and content. A slight stroke a couple of months ago confined him to intensive care; he was convalescing very well until a second stroke was too much for his heart to carry.

The Rev. E. S. Linstead of the United Church officiated at the Funeral Service in the Dixon Garland Funeral Home in the absence of the Rev. F. A. Luck of the Baptist Church of which Mr. Hutchings was a member. Interment was in Erskine Cemetery.

The Rev. F. A. Luck and Mrs. Luck attended the Baptist Church Convention of Ontario and Quebec in Kingston. On their return last week both Mr. and Mrs. Luck gave their reports on the Convention at Sunday morning service in the Baptist church.

The Mission Circle will meet Monday evening, June 28, at 8 p.m. at the home of Georgie and Viola Forsyth of Markham. The Roll Call - "Name a Man of the Bible."

Librarian Marean Ward has given us a list of the following new books in the library; "No Life for a Lady" by Lotta Dempsey "Gehard, a Love Story," Betty Kennedy' "God, Man and Archie Bunker;" Spencer Marsh; "Farming in Pickering Township," Keven Munhall; "A Very Double Life," Charles Stacey' "A Man Called Intrepid," William Stevenson; "But Not in Canada," Walter Stewart.

Book patrons please note that the library will be closed Saturdays during the months of July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Almack attende the 44th Annual Conference of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists held in Erindale College on June 11-13. The theme of the Conference was on "Towards 2,000 and Ontario's Future." Some of the highlights were "A Bull Pit Session" with the Hon. George Kerr, Ministry of the Environment, and "Nature Photograhy". The Guest of Honor at the Saturday night banquet was Tommy Thompson, Commissioner of Parks, Metropolitan Toronto. Mr. Almack is a Director of the F.O.N.

At their luncheon last Thursday—the Senior Citizens were more than happy to have the Rev. E. S. Linstead and Mrs. Linstead and the Rev. F. A. Luck and Mrs. Luck as guests of honor. They remained after lunch to hear the officers elected by the Senior Citizens for the coming year: Presdient, Margaret Gall; Vice Pres., Sadie Hardy; Secretary, Annie Porter; Treasurer, Jean Norton; Social Convener, Laura Reynolds; in charge of bus trips, Margaret Baker; cards for birthdays and shut-ins, Ella Hammond. In charge of shuffleboard, Don Hedges; horsehoe pitching, Mose Norton or Martin Gall. At each meeting a committee will be chosen to help with the lunch and cards.

Economy limps, scandals buzz

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so? That is the government's dilemma.

On another front, the administration's attempt for months in Bill C-58 to block Time Magazine has run into trouble in the Senate. It is now coming back to the House of Commons where it will receive a stormy reception.

The peace and security legislative package has had a difficult passage in Parliament. To date the administration has offered 52 amendments to Bill C-83 which provides for gun control. The Bill was debated, on second reading, for 11 days and is now before the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. Besides listening to the Solicitor General and the Minister of Justice, we have heard over 40 witnesses in 25 meetings. In its rush to persuade the Canadian public that it was doing something to control crime, the government presented a Bill that lacked practicality and did nothing other than scratch the surface of the problem.

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